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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI RELATIONS

1. I ASKED ETHIOPIAN FONMIN DURING BRIEF RECEPTION CONVERSATION JUNE 6 WHAT WAS CURRENT SITUATION ON ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI BORDER. HE SAID ETHIOPIANS HAD RECENTLY DISCOVERED SOMALI "SETTLEMENT" WITHIN ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. AS FIXED SETTLEMENT, IT WAS POTENTIALLY MORE SERIOUS THAN INCURSION OF TYPE WHICH OCCURRED THREE WEEKS AGO. FONMIN SAID, HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT RPT NOT YET CERTAIN OF PRECISE LOCATION OF THIS SETTLEMENT; HE WANTED TO CHECK TO BE SURE IT WAS IN FACT ON ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. I WAS IMPRESSED, IN THIS MY FIRST CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN, WITH HIS APPARENTLY RELAXED AND OPEN-MINDED ATTITUDE ABOUT THIS AND PREVIOUS BORDER INCIDENTS.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT NATURE OF OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION REPORT TO SUMMIT WOULD DEPEND UPON DISCUSSIONS WHICH GOWAN WILL HAVE IN ADDIS JUNE 10 AND SOMALIA THE FOLLOWING DAY. (FONMIN PLANS RETURN ADDIS FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS.) FONMIN SAID ETHIOPIA FOR ITS PART WOULD BE QUITE PREPARED FOR SUMMIT TO PROLONG LIFE OF GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION.

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3. FONMIN SAID HE HAD BEEN WELL TREATED BY SOMALIS
AND HE HAD HAD FRIENDLY MEETING WITH FONSEC OMAR
ARTEH JUNE 5. HE SAID CHANCES WERE FAIRLY GOOD
THAT EMPEROR WOULD COME TO SUMMIT.
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